

LESSON 40

THIRTY-FIRST PATH

'The Thirty-first Path is the Perpetual Intelligence, but why is it so called? Because it regulates the motions of the Sun and the Moon in their proper order, each in an orbit convenient for it.'

This Path lies between the Sephiroth of Hod and Malkuth and is called 'Perpetual Intelligence...because it regulates the motions of the Sun and Moon'. To make sense of this one has to look at the Sun and Moon from a magical viewpoint, and to look at the principle of both positive and negative and their various associations. In addition the Moon's orbit is the closest to us and acts like a sort of filter trap of the planetary rays which are of course in turn influenced by the Sun. It is a combination of both these energies that gives us life for the Moon receives the Sun and we receive their mixture by their emanations cojoined. The Moon in fact shelters us from the Sun's harshness by use of a barometer effect which are called the Lunar tides. These produce an ebb and flow of the Sun's emanations.

The letter of the Hebrew alphabet associated here is Shin, which means "tooth" and has a numerical value of 300. Other words of the same value are SMR "to stand upright", QR "spring out" or "emanate" and RQ "evacuate" or "draw out". The value of the word Shin is 360 and equates to other words such as ROMIM "thunders",

KMSh "swift" or "penetrating", NShGBH "attaining to higher knowledge", TzRAa "smite" and QRS "shoot forth". The first group of words relate to something that is emanating and is drawing forth in much the same way the Holy Guardian Angel will draw us forth at death. The second group relates to attainment but also cautions us against the negative aspect which after death will be the karmic wheel of rebirth and retribution for those who need it.

The Tarot card associated here is called Judgement which shows the angel which some have associated to Michael who blows his trumpet through the triangle of fire causing the growth of the seven stages of development. Below are bodies rising out of the earth at the sound from the trumpet which also heralds the beginning of a new age. Here man does not have to rise from the clay of earth but meets, through evolution, the stage of development when the karmic ties are no longer needed. This card strongly shows rebirth and regeneration into a higher echelon of development than ever before.

The Egyptian myth relating to this Path is the legend of Mau the cat goddess (a variation of Ra), who fought with Neb-er-tcher which is another version of the battle of night against day, with the victorious Mau rose the first rays of the dawning light. Taken to a deeper level it shows the birth of a new era of knowledge that drives away ignorance. Other associations here are Thoum-aesh-neith, Kabeshunt, Horus and Tarpesheth. All of these are variations of the solar theme and hence a strong rela-

tionship to the fire element.

The Roman association here is Pluto who was the son of Saturn and Ops and is the Greek counterpart of Hades (who has been discussed in previous lessons). His kingdom was hell and anything beneath the earth. Legend has it that Pluto sat on a throne of sulphur and had the hound of hell, Cerebus, as his watchdog. During the fight between the gods and the Titans the Cyclopes made an invisible helmet for Pluto to wear so that he could strike unexpectedly. It is Pluto who is often deemed the one responsible for winter when he carried away Proserpine and made her his wife for six months of the year.

The astrological association to this Path is that of Pluto which effects things on a grand scale. The effect of Pluto on us here on earth is very much like the seasons as it germinates slowly and gradually until a crop is harvested. This harvest in the spiritual sense is deeper awareness. Its energies in the human race will be deeply rooted and highly concentrated which could cause possible explosive effects.

This Path also has a dual association to the fire element which is ruled by the Governor Seraph. The cardinal point which is associated here is the South and is ruled by the Archangel Michael due to his association to fire. The angel under Michael is Arael (ARAL) and is from the root AR meaning "strong and vigorous".

The magical weapon of this Path is the Universal Fire which is utilised in both the practical and esoteric sense, and is symbolised by the pyramid. In the ritual of the 31st Path the Hierophant says: 'The Solid Triangular Pyramid is an appropriate hieroglyph of Fire. It is formed of three triangles, three visible and one concealed, which yet is the synthesis of the rest. The three visible triangles represent Fire, Solar, Volcanic and astral while the fourth represents the latent Heat - AUD, active-AUB, passive-AUR, equilibrated-while ASCH is the name of Fire'. The spiritual aspect it relates to is the divine power called down by the adept which is the astral and then in turn activates the latent which in turn becomes active. The three visible aspects of fire are then brought into play by practical work with the element itself utilised for magical purposes. Fire in its practical usage is heat applied to an external impetus over a gradual period to bring about transmutation which then in turn impregnates the matter with the said Universal Fire. This is not actually charging an object but more in line with the tool one uses so this end can be accomplished. The fire provides the means to accomplish the task while the source of the accomplishment must come from higher spiritual essences.

The virtue of this Path is reformation, and is not to be confused with rebirth for this is a type of change that is total. Here the individual who reforms himself places himself outside normal concepts, for reformation of the self is done under conscious direction while the rebirth process, though natural, is done on a far deeper level. To reform is a complete turnabout in

direction and requires a tremendous source of will power that stimulates the intellect to direct its vast energies in a channelled format.

The vice of this Path is entanglement and relates to an individual who actually begins to start reforming but cannot complete the process or return to how he once was. His spiritual and mental faculties then become bogged down because not enough energy is available to carry him through. He finds himself in a semi permanent state of change which can only have disastrous consequences. This constant state of unbalance is a no growth no win situation with one merely marking time.

The magical power or experience associated here is that of evocation (not to be confused with necromancy or raising of the dead) which gives one the power to assert oneself in another dimension, then contact a force required and bring it through the veil to the triangle and command of it a service. Experience of this type also applies as well to the spirits of our animal and vegetable kingdom and archangelic and demonic spirits. Though almost anyone can perform the mechanics of evocation the real feat is to be able to do it.

One mineral drug associated here is Selenium Dioxide and relates heavily to the metabolic process. It partners with vitamin E and helps keep ones elasticity as an antioxidant. It helps keep the red blood cells from being destroyed too quickly by oxidation. This is a drug that could well help solve the

ageing' process. Another mineral drug that applies here as well is Sodium in its varying forms and helps prevent nervous disorders and general weakness.

A vegetable drug of this Path is Atropine and is an alkaloid obtained from plants such as Belladonna. Atropine is a stimulant to the nervous system working those nerves primarily above the neck.

The Tattva associated to this Path is Tejas (Agni) and is a red triangle with its apex pointing upwards which relates to its upward lifting vibrational characteristic which is allied to the principle of expansion. This relates to the fire principle and by breaking Tejas down into five subdivisions one can pinpoint the different degrees of heat and expansive energy that this tattva produces.

One gemstone associated to this Path is Almadine which is dark red in colour and is said to provide energy to those lacking in energy. It also reduces fevers. Other attributions associated to it are that it cures impotency and brings down inflammation. The stone is said to transfer its energies back and forth to the wearer and will only give out its rays when called on to do so. Other stones related to this Path are bloodstone and red agate which cut across associations to other paths.

The plant of this Path is the Hibiscus (Hibiscus spp.) which has red coloured flowers. This flower is said to produce passion

and lust and as such relates to the fire element due to the sexual state of arousal it is said to bring one to. This will also share a dual association to Venus and the water element as well but it is more fiery in instigation and watery in application. Any aromatic that is fiery in nature relates here which also cuts across associations to other paths.

The Salamanders are the Fire Elementals (sometimes called Jinni in Arabic) and are said to be seen as beings comprised of a smokey hue. Their king is called Djinn and it is said that there are over 5,000 divisions of them over the earth and according to Arabic mythology they live in a realm called Qaf, which is an invisible kingdom which surrounds the earth. The Supreme Elemental King of this Path is Ohooohatan.

The Archangel of this Path is Uriel which means "fire of God" and is the Archangel who gave both alchemy and an understanding of the kabbalah to man. The Intelligence is Abaddon which means "destroyer" and according to legend is the angel of the bottomless pit. The Spirit is Arkhas "firm heavy and red" who commands division and from this division came the birth of creation itself. Paimon is the Demonic King of Fire and his name is derived from POMN meaning "tinkling sound" while the root POM means "to strike". Paimon is directly under Lucifer and answers only to him and has 200 legions under him. The animal of this Path which also cuts across other associations is the Lion.

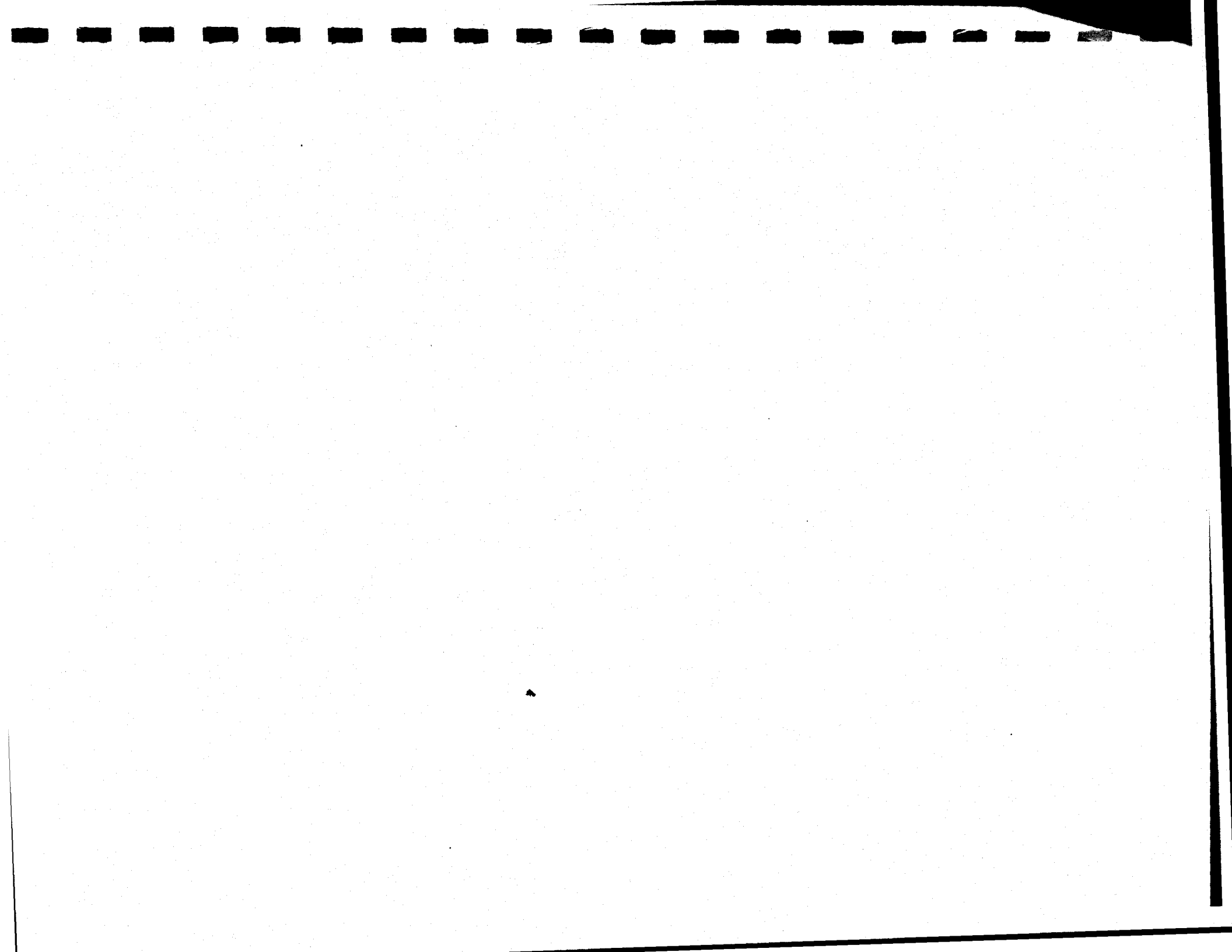
The Holy River related here is Pishon. In Gen.ii.11 it

says; 'The name of the first river is Pishon: and that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah where there is gold'. This relates to the essence of pure spirit which circles the elements.

ASSOCIATIONS

YETZIRATIC TEXT:	PERPETUAL INTELLIGENCE
HEBREW LETTER:	SHIN
TAROT:	JUDGEMENT
EGYPTIAN DIETY:	MAU
GREEK DIETY:	HADES
ROMAN DIETY:	PLUTO
PLANET:	PLUTO
ELEMENT:	FIRE
MAGICAL WEAPON:	UNIVERSAL FIRE
VIRTUE:	REFORMATION
VICE:	ENTANGLEMENT
MAGICAL POWER:	EVOCATION
MINERAL DRUG:	SELENIUM DIOXIDE
VEGETABLE DRUG:	ATROPINE
TATTWA:	TEJAS
GEMSTONE:	ALMADINE
PLANT:	HIBISCUS
AROMATIC:	ANY OF FIERY NATURE
ORDER OF BEINGS:	SALAMANDERS
ANGEL - ARCH:	URIEL

ANIMAL:	LION
CARDINAL POINT:	SOUTH
SUPREME ELEMENTAL KING:	OHOOOHATAN
DEMONIC KING:	PAIMON
ELEMENTAL RULER:	SERAPH
HOLY RIVER:	PISHON



LESSONS 44-46

LESSONS 44-46 CONSIST OF THE LECTURES ON THE TREE OF LIFE AND THE EGYPTIAN GODS (GOLDEN DAWN TAPE SERIES III). UNFORTUNATELY, THESE TAPES ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF STOCK. THEY WILL BE SENT TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT GROUPS WITHOUT LOSS OF CONTINUITY.

THANK YOU,

THE GOLDEN DAWN TEMPLE

LESSON 41

THIRTY-SECOND PATH

'The Thirty-second Path is the Administrative Intelligence, and is so called because it directs and associates the motions of the seven planets directing all of them in their proper course'.

This Path is placed between the Sephiroth of Yesod and Malkuth. It is called Administrative Intelligence because it directs and regulates the actions of the seven planets. To it, therefore, is attributed the due knowledge of the seven abodes of Assiah, the material world which is symbolised in the Apocalypse by the seven churches. It refers to the Angelic Choir called the Kerubim and their counterpart the Qlippoth along with the astral plane. Overall it represents the connecting binding link between the Material and Formative Worlds, Assiah and Yetzirah, and passes through the astral plane, the abode of the elementals and the shells of the dead.

The Hebrew letter associated here is Tau or Th which means "mark" or "cross" and it has a numerical value of 400. Other words of the same value are ShAaL "Hollow, of a concave form", ShQ "pushing forward", QSh "gather together" and KPSH "humble". When viewed from an overall concept we have a hollow or concave form that is pushed forward in a humble manner. As a letter the ancient Egyptians attributed Tau to Thoth which related to the universal or cosmic mind, which has been likened to the collec-

tive unconscious. It constitutes the idea of perfection and from an esoteric consideration is likened to the Ankh as the symbol of life.

The Tarot association to this Path is the World. This depicts a nude woman surrounded by twelve large spheres and 72 smaller ones. She has a scarf surrounding her and holds two batons in each hand and has a seven pointed star beneath her. In each corner of the card are the four Kerubs. This refers to a very high spiritual plateau where ones mind is in harmony with that of the macrocosm and all beat as one unified pulse. This is the last card of development and shows an area where man has transcended his karmic destiny before he goes on to a new level of existence.

The Egyptian goddess related here is Mut which means "mother". This goddess was known under a variety of names and is usually depicted with a vulture as a crown with the crown of the north above it. Mut was the wife of Amen-Ra and is also associated to the Sephira of Binah. She is the personification of the great mother theme and was said to have been formed from the god Nu. As a goddess she had the title of 'Lady of the two lands' which indicated the depth of her reign in both upper and lower Egypt.

The Greek association to this Path is the legend of Gaea. Whether she appeared from Chaos or not is not clear but she was fertility itself and bore Uranus (the sky). One of the titles of

Gaea was 'deep breasted' and was possibly a fertility goddess in her original form. Also she not only had the distinction of being self created but was the mother of the human race. Her attributes are many and those wishing the gift of prophecy, or a lasting marriage and honour would offer sacrifices to her, in later years she was also said to have had the power to heal the sick.

In Roman mythology Saturn is the myth related here and the part that responds more to this Path than other legend is Saturn's reign on the throne of Italy with Janus which was called the golden age although human sacrifice was offered to him until stopped by Hercules. One of the important things celebrated at the festivals of Saturn was the removal of chains from the statues of the various god forms so illustrate that freedom and independence could be enjoyed by all. On the flipside of the coin Saturn was also the devourer of children, but this aspect of his nature was apparently only transitory and helps remind us that positive and negative attributes must go hand in hand in relating to various godforms.

The planetary association here is of course Saturn with its Angel being Cassiel from the root CAS meaning "unity" or "gathering" (who shows the unity of the eternal kingdom). The Intelligence is Agiel (from the root AGI which relates to its Arabic origins and means "spreading") and the spirit is Zazel (from the root ZA meaning "dart" or "arrow"). It is said that Zazel was one of the angels used by Solomon to help create love potions though he is also associated with preventing sudden death.

The cardinal point associated to this Path is North (Tzaphon) and is related to earth which shares a dual association to Saturn. The Archangel of this Path is Auriel and means "light of God". The Angel under him is Phorlak who shares earth with 7 other Angels - Admael, Azreil, Arkiel, Arciciah, Ariel and Harabael, though these are said to be on a rotational basis with Phorlak being the Angel who is currently the one to call.

The Tattva here is Prithivi which is often depicted as a yellow square. This Tattva relates to the sense of smell and its keywords are cohesive resistance which tends to act as a type solidification process.

The magical weapon of this Path is the sickle which relates to the varying myths of Saturn as a slayer. In a practical sense it is symbolic of the harvest that has to be cut. As a weapon it slays in order to feed and allows regeneration in much the same process as depicted in the Tarot card Death. Herbs and plants that are to be used in ritual are cut by the sickle which is usually done in one slashing motion.

The virtue of this Path can only be described as Super-consciousness, and relates to the magical influences working directly on the mental stimuli by giving the mentality of the individual a shot in the arm, so that one can perform mental tasks that were previously impossible or extremely difficult to do. It is not strictly speaking an IQ boost but a new dimension

of mentality. Old values are thrown away for new ones when the old ones are too outdated for this new outlook. This is a striving and balancing period for the mental regions as the spiritual impetus uplifts and retunes the mind on both a conscious and unconscious level. Here one gains access to uncharted regions of the self which when coupled with greater awareness results in superconsciousness.

The vice of this Path is schizophrenia (a psychosis of withdrawing from reality), which in this instance is a part of the superconscious mechanism that has started to inject into the mental process which somehow becomes overloaded, (possibly due to some structural weakness that has not been repaired), and concentrates so much on the mental stimuli that one loses touch with reality living in a fantasy world trying to captivate the individual's psyche and prevent the massive amount of change that should be taking place during the transition of the spiritual energies.

The magical attainment or power of this Path is to change the shapes of things through invocations. The adepts who have this power are known simply as shape changers. They have the ability to direct power from one area and transform it to another which becomes for all intents and purposes matter transference. This is not merely an altering of the aura without changing the object itself but a complete alteration of the subject matter.

The mineral drug related here is Calcium and relates to various drugs such as Calicum Carbonate and Calcium Gluconate

etc.. Calcium is responsible for maintenance of the skeletal system, bones and teeth. In the blood stream. Calcium helps maintain the correct balance between acid and alkaline and also in cell division. Fluorine is another mineral drug related to this Path, especially in its synthetic form of sodium fluoride which helps reduce teeth cavities as well as strengthening the skeletal system.

The vegetable drugs of this Path are all those that are the builders of the body tissue and maintenance repair. This will of course cut across associations to other paths and is rather a group association than a single one. Some of these are tinctures of Yarrow, Celery Seed, Valerian and Passion Flower etc.

The Indian association here is the three Gunas who are Sattva, Rajas and Tamas which in fact reflect the mental state of the individual in three divisions. The Guna that is related here is Tamas who relates to what is known as the Tamasic state of mind, which concentrates mainly on desire and is the material aspect of mind. Tamas is considered as a form of ignorance, and delusion that one breaks out of to achieve the Rajasic state which is more outgoing and the next level on the evolutionary scale. The Bhagavad-gita says: 'Tamas is the deluder of all creatures; it imprisoneth the Ego in a body through heedless folly, sleep, and idleness. Tamas, surrounding the power of judgement with indifference, attaches the soul through heedlessness. Tamas produceth only senselessness, ignorance, delusion and indifference'. Chapter 14.

Spinel or Balas Ruby is the gemstone associated to this Path and generally forms octahedral crystals which have a variety of colours which change under artificial light to a deep violet. The psychic vibrations of this stone relate mainly to its colour which can be linked to some fundamental planetary colours, though it still is associated to Saturn because the vibrations of that planet seem to control its power through its astrological aspects.

Hellebore (both black and green) is the plant of this Path and has a dual association to the aromatic of this Path. As a herb it is a stimulant but if taken in large doses can kill. On the positive side it is said to have cured some forms of madness by bringing the individual back to reality. As an incense it is used in rites of exorcism, where it has the effect of consolidating the area around it with the earth element (which it draws its etheric force from), and forces the negative spiritual influence back to its own plane of existence.

Phrath is the Eternal River associated here and represents the physical plane. Sweedenborg considered that Phrath meant the ultimate state of the senses where science was formed.

The Legendary Order of Beings of this Path are the Gnomes which are the elementals of earth who are said to live in the subterranean areas of the earth. The feminine aspects of these beings are called gnomides and are said to be of small stature.

Their Elemental King is called Ghob and the Supreme Elemental King is Tahaaotahe.

The Demonic King of this region is called Amaimon is taken from the Greek "Maimon" meaning "violence" or "vengeance" and has 111 spirits under him.

The animal of this Path is a Crocodile because of its Saturn like nature linked to the devourer. It is said that when the crocodile swims against the current with an open mouth it represents the limitations of the material plane. Being a reptile it shows a firm entrenchment in the physical. Other associations to it are as a guardian to hell (if swallowed) and deceit.

ASSOCIATIONS

YETZIRATIC TEXT:	ADMINISTRATIVE INTELLIGENCE
HEBREW LETTER:	TAU
TAROT:	WORLD
EGYPTIAN DIETY:	MUT
GREEK DIETY:	GAEA
ROMAN DIETY:	SATURN
ELEMENT:	EARTH
PLANET:	SATURN
MAGICAL WEAPON:	SICKLE
VIRTUE:	SUPERCONSCIOUSNESS
VICE:	SCHIZOPHRENIA
MAGICAL POWER:	TRANSFORMATION
MINERAL DRUG:	CALCIUM
VEGETABLE DRUG:	YARROW, CELERY SEED, VALERIAN ETC
TATTWA:	PRITHIVI
INDIAN ASSOCIATION:	THREE GUNNAS
GEMSTONE:	SPINEL OR BALAS RUBY
PLANT:	HELLEBORE
AROMATIC:	HELLEBORE
ORDER OF BEINGS:	GNOMES
ANGEL - ARCH:	AURIEL
ANIMAL:	CROCODILE
CARDINAL POINT:	NORTH
SUPREME ELEMENTAL KING:	THAHAAOTAHE
ELEMENTAL KING	GHOB
DEMONIC KING:	AMAIMON

ETERNAL RIVER:

PHRATH